WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 1237

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served September 5, 1972

Application of Washington,) Application No. 775
Virginia and Maryland Coach)
Company, Inc., for Authority) Docket No. 247
to Increase Fares.

On May 25, 1972, Washington, Virginia and Maryland Coach Company, Inc. (W. V. & M.) filed revisions to its Tariff No. 35 which would raise its interstate regular route fares by 10 cents. Order No. 1218, issued June 9, 1972, suspended the proposed fares for investigation, including hearings.

By motion submitted September 1, 1972, W. V. & M. now seeks the postponement of the next scheduled session of public hearings, presently set for September 7, 1972. In support of its motion, W. V. & M. has submitted a Petition for Condemnations filed by the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) seeking condemnation of all transit facilities, real and personal property, and leaseholds, contracts or other assets of W. V. & M. related to transit.

- W. V. & M. notes that a hearing is scheduled for September 8, 1972, in the Circuit Court of Arlington County, for the purpose of establishing the date upon which the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission shall take over the W. V. & M. operation.
 W. V. & M. anticipates the court will authorize NVTC to take over at an early date, making moot the issues in this rate case.
- W. V. & M., in its motion, agrees to an extension of the time in which we are required to issue an order prescribing the lawful fare under Section 6(a)(2) of the Compact, at least to the extent the hearing scheduled for September 7th is postponed, but for no more than 45 days.

Inasmuch as the order of the court on or about September 8, 1972, could make further proceedings in this docket unnecessary, and since W. V. & M. has agreed to a waiver of the time limits imposed upon us by Section 6(a)(2), we will grant the postponement. We will not at this time set a new hearing date. Rather, we will await the action of the court, and if it appears that further hearings will be necessary, we will promptly schedule those hearings.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the hearing set for September 7, 1972, by Order No. 1234, issued August 21, 1972, be, and it is hereby, postponed.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:

DOUGLAS N. SCHNEIDER, JR.

Executive Director